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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HIROSHI SATOMI ET AL.) Examiner: G. Liang
Application No.: 09/547,397) Art Unit: 2172
Filed: April 11, 2000)
For: INFORMATION SEARCH)
METHOD, INFORMATION)
SEARCH APPARATUS, AND)
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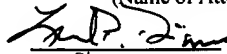
Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. The listed documents were cited in an Office Action that was mailed on November 12, 2004, in co-pending Application No. 09/547,400 (that application has previously been brought to the attention of the Examiner in the present application). That Office Action can be viewed electronically by the Examiner.

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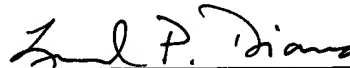
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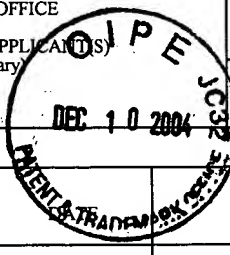
Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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